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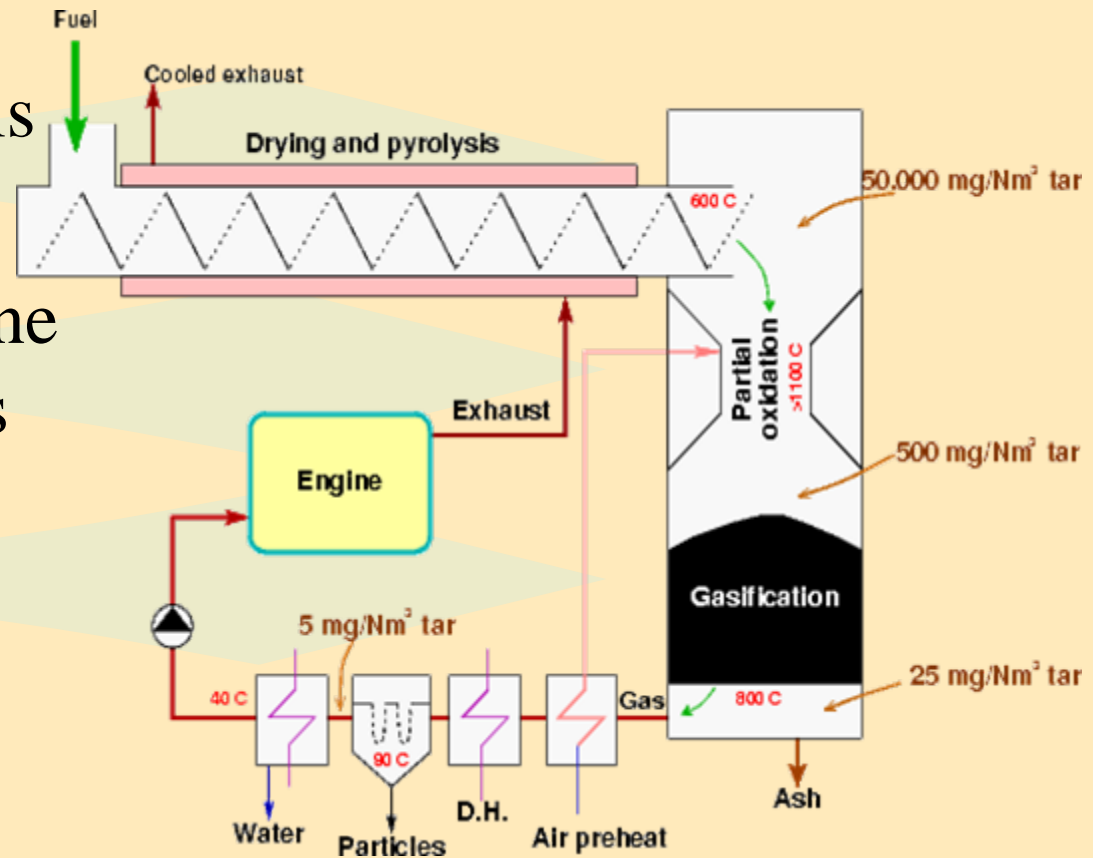
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Outline

- Two stage gasification
- Scrubber performance
- Particle properties
- Relevant particle removal technologies
- Viking gasifier
- Baghouse filter in Viking
 - Performance
 - Waste quality
- Conclusions

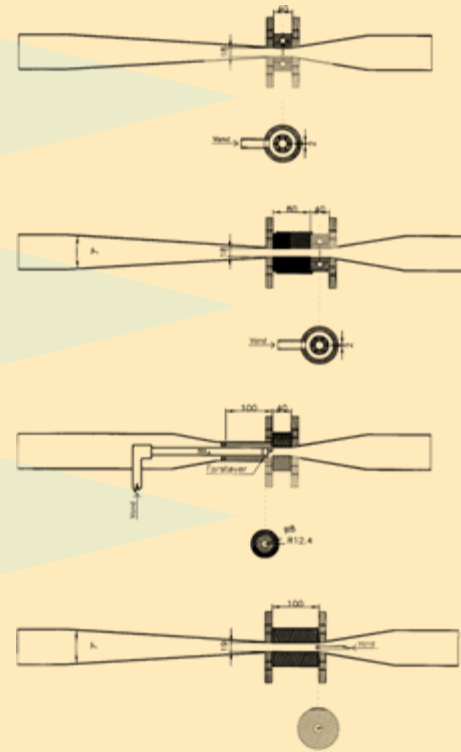
Two-stage gasification

- x Separated pyrolysis and gasification
- x Tar conversion zone for pyrolysis gases
 - No tar in gas **nor in waste**
 - High efficiency



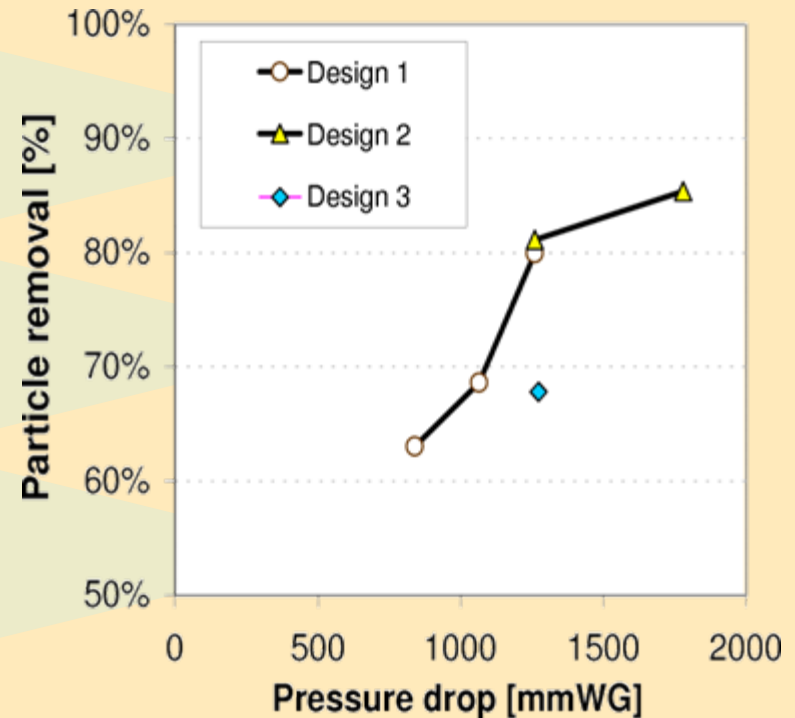
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- Reliable
- Particles in waste water
 - Recycling system



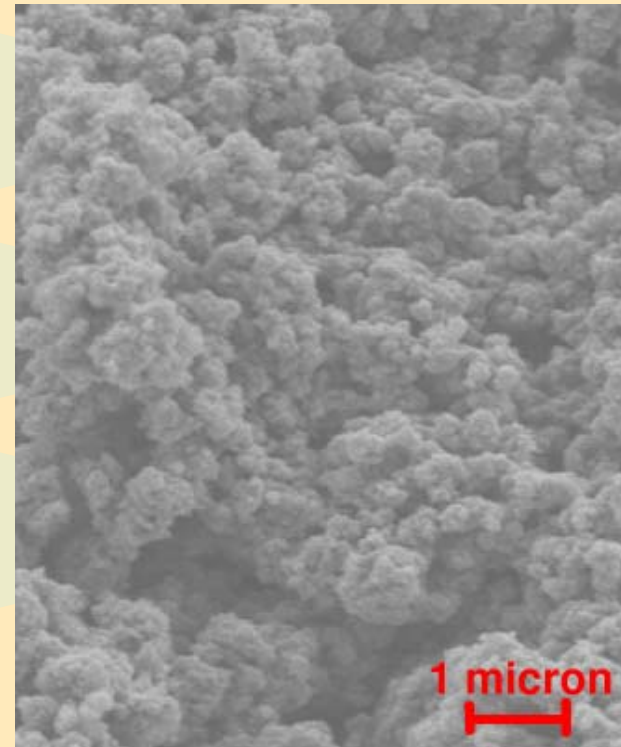
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- Reliable
- Particles in waste water
 - Recycling system
- Particle removal 65-85%
- High pressure drop



Characterisation of two-stage particles

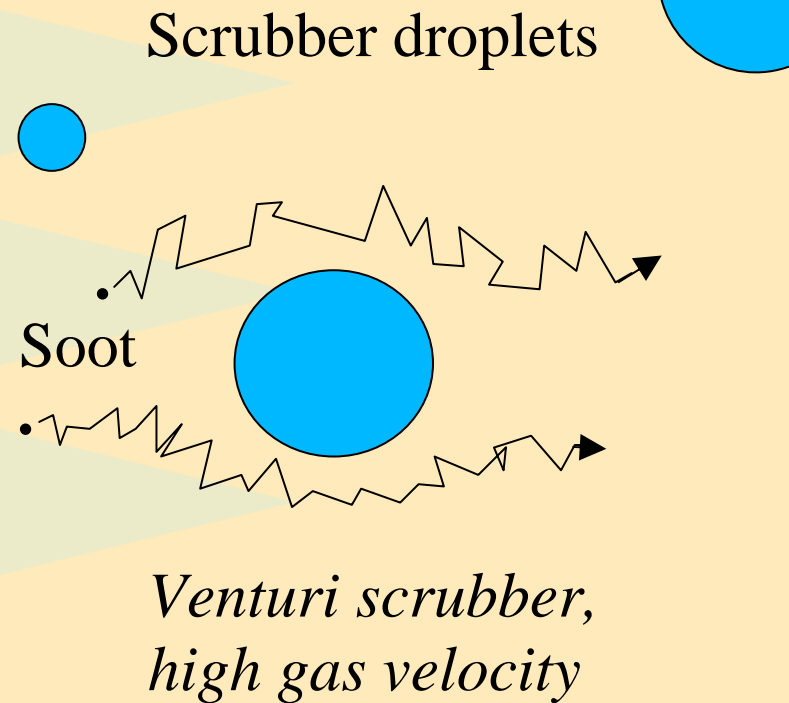
- 6% volatiles (tar)
- Ash 20-30%
- **Submicron**
(>85% mass)



Removing submicron particles

Inertial methods inefficient
(e.g. cyclones and scrubbers)

Electrostatic precipitators
efficient but expensive.

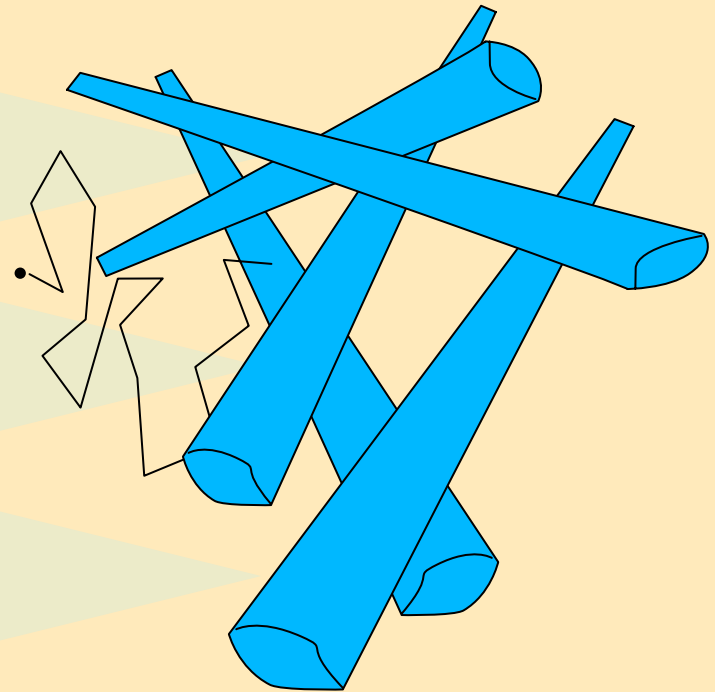


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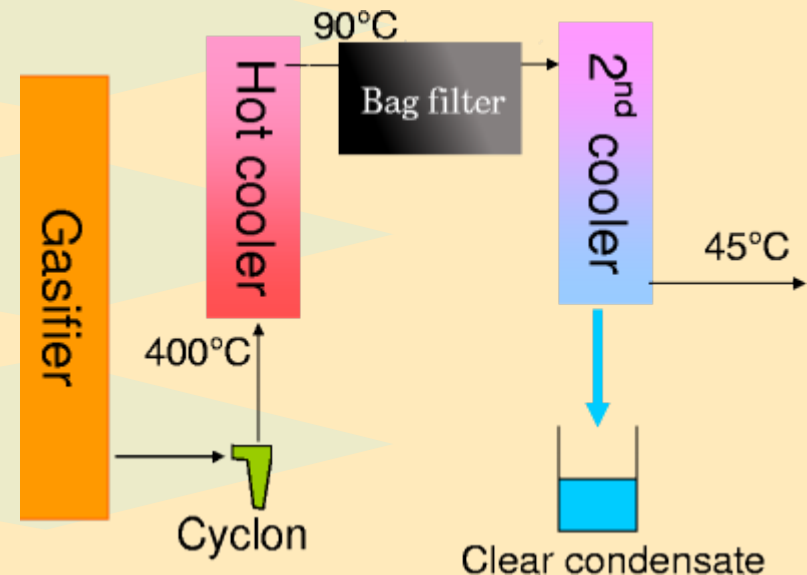
Fibre filtration efficient
due to Brownian motions.



*Fibre filtration with
Brownian motions*

Baghouse filter system

- x Particle removal just above water dew point.
- x Filter cleaning by N_2 backflush.
 - Bulk particles and condensate recovered separately.
 - Pressure < 100 mmWG
 - Low energy consumption



Viking gasifier at DTU

Commisioned August 2002

Small scale ($80\text{kW}_{\text{fuel}}$)

Unattended operation

Engine woodgas operation for 400 hours

Using baghouse filtering (no cyclone)



Gas cleaning performance

- Reliable for >400 hours with no filter change.

- Dust removal >99.5%

- Tar condenses on particles, removed with these

- Tar levels in gas drop from 25 to "**no tar**" (<5 mg/Nm³)



Police filter after 450 hours

Viking condensate quality

Amounts: 2-6 l/h
NH₃: 1 g/l
Naphtalene: <20 µg/l
Other PAH: <2 µg/l
Smell: NH₃
⇒ OK for standard
biological surridge plant!



Viking dust quality

Amounts: 600 mg/Nm^3
= 30 g/h

Ash: 30-50%

Tar: <5% mass

Bulk particles

→ Low temperature reburning
in boiler should be possible.



Intake Manifold 400 hours Wood Gas



Conclusions

- Dust removal efficiency $>99.5\%$
- Tar removed with particles
 $<5 \text{ mg/Nm}^3$ tar after filter
- Condensate not a waste problem
- Dust can be treated separately
- Absence of tars \Rightarrow simple, cheap gas cleaning for woodgas.

Questions?

